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10055, D) BONN 248

1. WE HAVE CONTACTED EC COMMISSION AND PERMREP OFFICIALS CONCERNING
THE STATUS OF EC DELIBERATIONS ON IFAD. WE INFORMED FRISCH AND
HOGUET (REF A) OF THE POINTS RAISED IN REF B. BOTH EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR THE RECONFIRMATION OF US VIEWS AND SAW NO
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SERIOUS DIVERGENCE BETWEEN OUR POSITION AND THAT OF THE COMMISSION.

THEY NOTED THAT IFAD IS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' COUNCIL ON JANUARY 19-20 AND THEY WERE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE FRENCH WOULD LIFT THEIR RESERVATION ON EC PARTICIPATION (REF C). THE COMMISSION (AS WELL AS INTERESTED MEMBER STATES) WILL IN ANY EVENT ATTEND THE ROME JANUARY 26 MEETING.

2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WE ASKED A RELIABLE PERMREP CONTACT WHETHER THE EC WILL OVERCOME FRENCH OBJECTIONS BEFORE JANUARY 26. HE WAS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN THE COMMISSION AND SAID THAT AT THE JANUARY 8 COREPER MEETING THE FRENCH HAD INDICATED THEY STILL COULD NOT REMOVE THEIR RESERVATION AND THAT THEREFORE IFAD WAS NOT DISCUSSED. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT EC PARTICIPATION IN IFAD IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED BY COREPER (DEVELOPMENT GROUP) ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12 (REF D), BUT HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE FRENCH WILL BE ANY CLOSER TO APPROVING A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO IFAD AT THAT TIME.
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